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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Addendum

Letter dated 28 May 1993 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you, and through you to the members of the Security Council, a statement which was handed to me by His Excellency, Mr. George D. Papoulias, Ambassador and Special Envoy, on behalf of the Government of Greece on 27 May 1993.

This is further to my report pursuant to paragraph 3 of Security Council resolution 817 which I transmitted to you with my letter of 26 May 1993 (S/25855).

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS GHALI

Annex

With reference to the discussions held in New York with Mr. Vance and Lord Owen and to the draft agreement of 14 May 1993 handed over by them to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, the Greek Government would like to state the following:

The Greek Government wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Vance and Lord Owen for the progress so far accomplished and considers, in principle, the draft presented as a satisfactory basis for establishing good neighbourly relations between Greece and the FYROM.

Although this draft comes short of greek desiderata, the Greek Government, notwithstanding a number of reservations, does not propose, under the present circumstances, to raise any objections, should the name of the new State be such as to fulfil the requirements for unhindered future relations between the two countries, guaranteeing long term peace and stability. It should be emphasized that this always constitutes the main aim of the Greek Government.

Indeed, Greece deems it useful to reiterate her original stand, that the word "Macedonia" should not be included in the name of the new State. Nevertheless, in a spirit of genuine compromise Greece has suggested the adoption of the name "Slavomakedonija" which, to some extent, could meet Greek requirements, and pragmatically reflects the prevailing situation in this State. As it has been thoroughly explained, the name "Nova Makedonija" opted by Mr. Vance and Lord Owen creates serious difficulties to Greece.

Greece is aware of the urgent need for a speedy conclusion of the process decided by the Security Council. However, as the main issue, i.e. the name, has not been settled as yet in a way to eradicate the well known problems and still threatens to perpetuate the existing tensions and frictions in the region, the Greek Government believes that further efforts should be deployed.

In that context, Greece considers that, along with the continuation of the proximity talks, direct talks with the other party could be initiated, under the auspices of the Secretary-General, at an opportune moment, with the aim to achieve a lasting and viable solution, as stated above.

27 May 1993
